

Remarks

The Applicants confirm their earlier election of Claims 1 – 5 and 13 – 22 for immediate examination. The Applicants acknowledge that Claims 6 – 12 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Those claims have been cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter therein. The Applicants specifically reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of those claims.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 14 – 22 and the indication that Claims 2, 3 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. The Applicants have cancelled Claims 2, 3 and 5. They have been substantially rewritten into independent form as new Claims 23 – 25, respectively. Confirmation of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Applicants note the rejection of Claims 1, 4 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 4 and 13, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

The Applicants note the rejection of Claims 1, 4 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Hucho. Again, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 4 and 13, thereby rendering that rejection moot as well.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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